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New Converter Lasts A Long Time

GM Scores Break-Through For Clean Air

DETROIT (AP) — A breakthrough in the area of auto emissions control has been announced by General Motors Corp. The development gives the company an apparent jump on the nation's other automakers.

GM President Edward Cole disclosed on Sunday his firm has designed a catalytic converter for emissions control which will last the life of the car. It will be coupled with an electronic ignition system and a new carburetor.

Cole's statements, in an interview with The Detroit News, contrasted with earlier comments that converters could have a doubtful lifespan. Earlier, Cole had explained converters planned for 1975 cars might last only 20,000 miles.

The industry has been told by the Environmental Protection Agency all 1975 cars sold in California must have converters. The devices change engine exhaust hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide into harmless carbon dioxide and water vapor.

Cole said the newly developed converter features tiny ceramic beads coated with a thin layer of platinum and palladium. The entire unit is encased in stainless steel.

GM announced previously it was considering installing the converters on its entire 1975 line - not just those cars sold in California.

Cole said the new converter is only one of three parts to the 1975 GM system, which he projected will cost \$150 per car.

The other parts, he said, are an electronic ignition system which GM dubs "high energy ignition" and a new one-barrel carburetor for which the auto giant calls its "integrated fuel control system."

Cole said the new carburetor, which GM plans to showcase in some 1974 models, will feature the air metering benefits of a fuel injection system to cool the exhaust flow through the converter.

The ignition system, Cole said, will be highlighted by increased spark plug energy triple the current output of conventional systems.

"We're going to carry about 20,000 more volts across the spark plug than with the regular system," Cole said. "We also have a wider gap spark plug." The dividends, he said, are better combustion and more fuel economy — two factors Detroit feared would be casualties with the advent of new pollution controls.

Like the new carburetor system, Cole said the new ignition "will be used optionally on some 1974 cars and in 1975 we expect to use it pretty much across the board."

The new GM system, Cole said, should outdistance the stratified charge engine approach of Honda, a Japanese automaker. "We see no hope for the stratified charge system," Cole said, "but we are looking at it."

As for the turbine engine, Cole said GM has researched it extensively but can't reduce emissions of nitrogen oxide to the level required by the EPA.

GM has had little success in testing the Stirling heat engine,

the diesel engine and the steam engine, Cole said.

Asked what he foresees as the power plant of the future, Cole said: "There will be further refinements of the internal combustion engine.

"We are looking for more combustion efficiency as related to complete burning, maybe a more compact chamber than we've been looking at. We can also look at better fuel control.

"We've got cars running with an oxygen sensor in the exhaust, we can feed back the level of oxygen in the exhaust, and we have found if you can control this air-fuel ratio...and use a single catalyst we get very low emissions of all three pollutants."

The current hangup, Cole said, is durability of the sensor. He said perfection still is a few years away.

More research is needed on the 1975 GM three-part system, Cole said, but preliminary estimates are that it will last the life of the car and satisfy Washington's requirements.



GOVERNOR AND PUBLISHER: Gov. William Milliken (left) talks with Willard J. Banyon, editor and publisher of this newspaper, prior to governor's address to Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce this morning. Banyon introduced governor at breakfast meeting.

Tractors Won't Run Out Of Gas

Twin City Chamber Hosts Gov. Milliken

Gov. William Milliken this morning said a recent report by the State Task Force on Fuel Supply "indicates that Michigan farmers will face no major crop or livestock production losses due to lack of fuel."

Milliken made the comment at a breakfast at the Benton Harbor Holiday Inn sponsored by the Twin Cities Area

Chamber of Commerce.

"We were able to minimize the inconvenience to farmers in getting adequate fuel for their equipment with cooperation and assistance from the federal level in contacting and dealing with major oil companies," Milliken said.

Milliken noted that there may be a potential problem with obtaining fuel during the fall harvest season, and in obtaining necessary fuels for drying crops.

"But we now have had experience with operating a system in which the federal and state governments, in cooperation with the private sector, have met and overcome a challenge," he added.

He said he has "considerable enthusiasm" about Michigan's future economic picture and praised President Nixon's latest wage-price controls as dedication to the "free market."

Milliken added that although some uncertainty exists over the national economy, "our economic climate here in Michigan clearly conveys a sound basis for cautious optimism."

Milliken said he views Michigan's future, in Mark Twain's words, with "the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces" in a poker game.

"I find it a hopeful sign that the President has acted — by instituting the 60-day price freeze of 'phase three-and-a-half' — and announced that Phase IV will involve re-tightening national economic controls," the governor said.

He did not predict how the

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Cigaret Smuggling Costing State Millions, Official Says

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Cigaret smuggling is costing Michigan millions of dollars in lost taxes, according to Gerrit VanCoevering, deputy revenue commissioner of the State Department of Treasury.

It's all the result of a four-cents-a-pack increase in Michigan's cigarette tax in 1970, he said. The hike boosted Michigan's per-pack take to 11 cents.

VanCoevering said it has prompted smugglers to buy cigarettes out of state, where the tax is as low as two cents a pack, and sell them in Michigan at less than the going rate.

One source put Michigan's loss at \$25 million since 1970. VanCoevering said surveillance has increased and investigators are keeping a watchful eye on cigarette trucks to see if they've been hijacked.

Michigan gets about \$10 million a year from cigarette sales.

Over 90 million packs are sold each month in Michigan — a three per cent increase over last year.

Legislation has been introduced in Lansing to cut Michigan's tax and thwart smuggling.

Sudden Wind, Rain Storm Cuts Power, Topple Trees

High winds and thunderstorms Saturday caused scattered power outages and tree damage in southwestern Michigan. A squall line storm apparently centered much of force over central Berrien county.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. reported power outages in Benton Harbor, south St. Joseph, Stevensville, Bridgeman, Sodus and Coloma, and from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m. in Watervliet. I & M also reported two big trees down on old M-14 and at Red Arrow highway and County Line road. Berrien sheriff's deputies said there was an electric power outage for three hours Saturday

along US-33, north of the Twin Cities.

Winds from the south and southwest up to 30 knots were clocked by the coast Guard station in St. Joseph. During the thunderstorms Saturday afternoon winds shifted to the northwest and gusts peaked at 60 miles per hour at Ross Field airport.

The Benton Harbor public works department had a work crew out on Colfax and May street after high winds blew off part of a tree, blocking both lanes of traffic on Colfax. High water calls were also received from the Jean Klock road and North Shore drive area of the city.

Wind knocked down a tree in front of 1235 Ogden avenue in Benton Harbor around 5 p.m. Saturday.

A woman in the 1000 block of North Euclid avenue told Benton township police she saw a funnel cloud in the northwest, west of Benton Heights shortly after 5 p.m. Saturday, but no twister was reported touching down.

A Benton Heights man reported a large branch ripped off by wind broke the top of his convertible parked at his home, 2051 Taube, and township police found another large tree branch lying across Taube.

Berrien county road commission officials said some trees and limbs were down as a result of the storms but no roads were blocked.

Bob Vernoil Hendershort, engineer for the Cass county road commission, reported 20 trees fell down in Cass, and crews were out until midnight Saturday clearing roads.

On the other side of the state, 25-30 knot winds were blamed by the National Weather Service in Detroit for flash floods along the Lake Erie shoreline that forced about 1,000 Monroe County and Toledo, O. residents from their homes Sunday.

No Known Motive For Shootout That Kills 3

NEW YORK (AP) — "There were bullets all over the place," a detective said after a policeman, a bartender and a gunman were shot to death in a crowded Harlem bar. Another officer and six patrons were wounded.

Police said about 20 shots were exchanged Sunday night after two patrolmen entered the Capri Bar and Grill and told a man waving a pistol to drop his weapon. He responded by firing five shots, police said.

A woman patron said a policeman ordered the gunman to "Drop your gun!" But the gunman "just wheeled about and fired at them five times," she told authorities.

Police Commissioner Donald F. Cawley said the initial report showed that "some of the injured were possibly hit by police fire." He said he could give no motive for the shooting.

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A first place award in the annual National Federation of Press Women Clubs, Inc., annual writing contest has been received by Arlys Derrick, women's editor for this newspaper.

Awards were presented at the organization's 37th annual convention held in Dearborn June 13-16 and hosted by the Michigan Women's Press Club.

Marie Mikkel, public relations and communications director

rear compartment.

Rescuers were faced with the prospect of having to draw on the vital oxygen supply to increase the temperature in the submarine and enable chemical canisters to absorb more carbon dioxide.

Asked about the buildup of carbon dioxide in the back section of the vessel, a Navy spokesman described it as "a baby putting a plastic bag over its head and slowly being strangled."

Shortly after daybreak Cmdr. William Smith said there had been radio contact with two men in the front compartment of the sub. The other two were in the

rear were still breathing.

"But there is still no response from the two in the back," Smith said, explaining this indicated the two were unconscious.

Smith said "the critical thing is not the air supply but absorbing carbon dioxide. The colder it gets the less effective the chemical absorption is."

Adm. John Maurer, commander of Key West Naval Station, described the situation as "critical."

Smith said two teams of divers had been down, one to within 10 feet of the sub. But "neither one was able to completely reach the submarine

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Women's Editor Wins National Writing Honors



Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 63 degrees.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Deepening Railroad Crisis

If and when it quits the fun and games with Watergate, Congress will have to get around to facing some unpleasant realities that are seriously bugging their constituents.

One of those irritants affecting the nation's highest population density is the imminent collapse of the railroad system in the Northeast Corridor.

The Corridor is defined as the stretch from Boston to Washington, but since the fading Penn Central sprawls so far outward it is more realistic to think of the Corridor as extending from Washington to the Canadian border and into Chicago.

Besides the bankrupt Penn Central there are 13 other carriers serving the area, five of whom are in receivership and the remainder are close to slipping into insolvency.

The Jersey Central, for example, is asking the regulatory agencies for authority to cease operating its major lines and the Lehigh Valley seeks outright termination of all service.

Though Penn Central's 1970 petition for bankruptcy provides the fireworks the situation has long been developing. Better than 10 years ago the Chesapeake & Ohio's public relations department hosted a meeting here and in other towns along Chessie's right of way to deliver the message that the eastern rails were in trouble.

While the PR men excluded Chessie from immediate involvement, they went to some length to explain that too many paralleling rail lines competing with themselves and an expanding public highway network in a market shifting from its traditional heavy industrial complexion would eventually grind to a halt.

The only difference between now and then is being closer to the precipice in 1973 than in the early 1960s.

Five solutions have been laid on the table to date, from such divergent sources as the financially healthy Union Pacific Railroad to Indiana's

Not Much Support For Report On 1897 Texas UFO

Much as one would like to believe the fascinating yarn about a supposed space vehicle crashing at Aurora, Tex., in 1897, it must be said that supportive evidence is mighty thin. Thus far the International UFO Bureau, which has been investigating the matter for a year, has unearthed nothing much to back up the story. Some of its tentative findings are distinctly negative.

Item: No unusual radioactivity has been detected in the area where the mysterious craft allegedly came to grief. Item: A piece of metal thought to be a fragment of the strange object has proved to be nothing more exotic than iron. Item: Two of three people supposed to have witnessed the crash in 1897 were found by investigators to have been told the story when they were children, and were not in fact witnesses.

The International UFO Bureau says it is still investigating, and promises a report soon on analysis of metal purported to be other fragments found at the scene. Meanwhile, it might be worthwhile to follow through on that part of the legend which says the pilot of the crashed object was buried in the Aurora cemetery. An exhumation is in order. If it were to produce the remains of some creature unlike any other on Earth, the negative evidence would not bulk so large.

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Senator Vance Hartke.

The variation ranges from UP's concept of a sort of Amtrak operation of hauling freight to Hartke's outright nationalization through government purchase of all northeastern lines.

None of them get to the heart of a major contributor to the illness. This is the featherbedding by the railroad brotherhoods now joined under a common banner of the United Transportation Union. The UTU insists upon its overmanning practices regardless of whether this surplus labor bill collapses the entire system.

Penn Central is shaping up a D Day in the picture which neither Congress nor the White House chooses to look at very carefully so far.

John F. Pultam, the federal district judge supervising the PC bankruptcy, has questioned how long the railroad can continue to operate without constitutionally infringing the rights of PC's 23,000 creditors.

He has already said the railroad can not continue beyond October 1st and set July 2nd as the date for Penn Central's trustees to file plans either to reorganize the railroad or liquidate it.

The carrier has lost \$1.5 billion since it went into bankruptcy operations three years ago and its available assets are now estimated to have shrunk to \$800 million. Its debts are at least five times that amount.

The effect of liquidation is frightening.

The financial experts estimate that a Penn Central shutdown could reduce national productivity by three per cent and boost the present five per cent unemployment rate to eight.

A Jersey Central or a Lehigh Valley shutdown would be a localized inconvenience, most likely of short duration.

A Penn Central fallout would be an economic Pearl Harbor.

The prevailing guess in eastern financial circles is that Congress will not allow the Penn Central to go completely down the drain, but no one, in or out of Washington, has any grasp of what sort of lifeline will be thrown to the beleaguered system.

With time running out, this confusion deepens; but until the Watergate hearings have been wrung for every possible publicity drop, Judge Pultam seems to be the only man in the government putting any thought to the emergency.

Snake Charmers Have Problems Of Their Own

Let it be recorded that Watergate, taxes, inflation and other items in the galaxy of troubles that beset us are matched by what is happening to India's snake charmers. Business is bad, and getting worse.

This condition is added to the aged-old hazards of the art. First one must catch a cobra — without, of course, the serpent's cooperation. Many a charmer's career comes to an abrupt end at this point.

But on top of this the practitioners now face declining interest in their skill. Tourists are so indifferent that many of the charmers now earn as little as 50 cents a day. To cap it all, the price of milk (a cobra drinks a couple of quarts daily) has gone up. Snake charming is not what it used to be.

ROTC Attraction

There was a time not too long ago (during the period of riots and demonstrations) when an ROTC formation on a college campus might draw boos and catcalls. On some campuses today it could attract admiring stares and whistles.

The object of later-day affection is not the military *per se*, but women ROTC cadets. The Army launched the experimental program on 10 campuses last fall. It seems to be going well. A number of women cadets have won ROTC scholarships valued at \$11,000 and a number of them were valedictorians of their classes.

In continuing efforts to produce an all volunteer military, the Pentagon is missing no turns. Enlistment bonuses, comfortable living quarters, easier regulations, higher pay, and soon perhaps female commanders to prepare the males for marriage. If not the military,

A Handshake One Could Worry About!



GLANCING BACKWARDS

U.S. 'OFFICIALLY' ENDS GROUND COMBAT ROLE

— 1 Year Ago —

The United States today deactivated its last remaining infantry brigade in South Vietnam, officially ending its ground combat role but continuing the commitment of a 100,000-man air and naval force to the war.

But while Nixon is cutting strength in Vietnam, he has doubled the air and naval forces operating from bases in Thailand, Guam and Taiwan and from 7th fleet ships off the coast of Vietnam in support of the South Vietnamese efforts to stop North Vietnam's 80-day-old offensive.

WORRY ABOUT COURTHOUSE

BEING IN ST. JOSEPH

— 10 Years Ago —

The possibility of the future adoption of a city income tax caused Berrien County super-

visor Ivan Price, Buchanan township, to do some long-range worrying yesterday about the wisdom of building a \$3 million county building in St. Joseph.

Price told the county board of supervisors that he questioned the feasibility of locating the county building in St. Joseph out of fear that city might some day follow other Michigan cities in adopting an income tax.

WOMEN IN WAR JOBS

TOPIC OF YWCA FORUM

— 29 Years Ago —

Adjustments which women make when they work in factories and alleged discrimination against hiring of Negro women were the highlights of a forum yesterday afternoon in the YWCA. Mrs. Edson Marshall told the forum that 51 percent of the new war jobs were closed to Negro women. She blamed employment policies.

Regarding her early

experience in a war job, Mrs. Pear Ryan said, "If women would just realize that everyone is green and dumb when first entering work in a plant. Since I took my job at Nineteen Hundred Corporation, I have a respect for machinery that I never had before. I feel that we women have a contribution to the war effort that is not being made."

PARENTS VISIT

— 39 Years Ago —

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Slacke of The Lake Park apartments are entertaining the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blee of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Blee is an official in the immigration dept. in that Western city.

ACCEPTS POSITION

— 49 Years Ago —

Miss Marcia Schrage of Michigan avenue has accepted a position as sales lady in the Rimes and Hildebrand department store.

SUPPORT OR FORFEIT

— 59 Years Ago —

Unless St. Joseph baseball fans come to the support of the team, the Edgewater park will be closed for the season. It was stated at a meeting of directors of the organization. The final test will be made next Sunday when the local team meets LaPorte. If the attendance does not come somewhere near the figure where the association can break even, semipro baseball will be a thing of the past in St. Joseph.

PRICE OF PROPERTY

— 83 Years Ago —

W. Wallace, son of John Wallace, bought a house and two lots of Elizabeth Van Alstein, corner of Jones and Court streets, consideration, \$1800.

Ray Cromley

Little Hope For Missing GIs



WASHINGTON (NEA) — One continuing tragedy of the war is the unwillingness of Hanoi to cooperate in determining the fate of almost 1,300 Americans missing in Vietnam and still unaccounted for.

Another 1,100 have been officially declared dead — but their remains have not been recovered.

Especially agonizing are the cases of airmen seen on the ground after crashing and those whose pictures as prisoners were published by Hanoi — yet who have not been released nor their deaths satisfactorily explained by the Communists.

Though the cease-fire agreements solemnly provided for sincere cooperation by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese, U.S. teams have regularly been denied access to sites where American planes are known or believed to have crashed, and to reported graves of American servicemen.

The exceptions, where North Vietnam has provided some cooperation, have been even more frustrating. An American team, for example, was allowed to visit North Vietnam on May 11 and May 18 to see sites of graves in which Americans were allegedly buried.

But Hanoi curiously did not permit the American team to recover or identify the remains.

(Does this suggest the North Vietnamese government was afraid of what a study of the bodies would show — in torture or other mistreatment?)

Most, and possibly all, the Vietnam missing are dead. But we have all heard stories of men mysteriously discovered years after a war, as with the Japanese soldier found on an island more than two decades

after World War II. Any father, mother, wife or child of a missing serviceman desperately wants certainty.

A family with a husband or son missing in Laos must be in particularly great agony. From North Vietnam, 312 Air Force officers and men were returned and 322 still unaccounted for, roughly a 50-50 ratio. But only six Air Force men have been returned from Laos, with 308 yet to be accounted for, a ratio of one to 51.

The hairy jungle areas of Laos, in great measure uninhabited, can explain away a part of this difference. A flier with a broken back, for example, might well starve to death on the spot because no one would find him on time. Likewise, the thick jungle foliage would cover his body after death and his plane as well.

But the difference between one returned for every 51 still unaccounted for in Laos are compared with one returned for every 103 still unaccounted for in North Vietnam is too great to be explained by a difference in geography.

There is suspicion here that some men may still be held captive. But it must be emphasized this is mere suspicion; there is no evidence.

The men working on the missing and accounted for problem in the Pentagon expect that many of the missing servicemen in Laos, North Vietnam and in Communist-occupied South Vietnam will never be found — or their deaths even be explained with certainty.

The search for the missing will take years at best. Non-cooperation by Hanoi could lengthen the task imminently.

'Watergate Edition' Of Hickel Book



WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel's book explaining how he was publicly fired by President Richard Nixon has been reissued in a special paperback "Watergate Edition."

The recycling of "Who Owns America," which was not exactly a runaway best seller the first time around, is quite appropriate. In the volume, Hickel calls for less secrecy and more honesty in the Administration, denounces unnamed high officials for spending more time consolidating their power than solving problems, and prescribes less partisan politics as a remedy for public disengagement.

"The book was written two years ago after Hickel found himself suddenly unemployed, but it looks prophetic now in light of the scandal engulfing the White House.

Several Republican officials have privately urged the President to bring back Hickel during the current crisis. They think the outspoken independence that got him fired is now just the quality badly needed inside the White House.

Hickel, in fact, told friends he might be willing to take a new Presidential appointment if asked. But Nixon has not seemed interested and no gesture of forgiveness has come Hickel's way.

Hickel may have his say again in Washington anyway. A former Alaska governor, he is considering seeking next year the state's Senate seat now held by Democrat Mike Gravel.

In retrospect, Hickel's unhappy fate as a Cabinet officer was symptomatic of the abuses inherent in the high-handed way in which the President's palace guard operated. The excuse for his firing was a highly publicized letter which he wrote to Nixon criticizing White House indifference to the problems of youth.

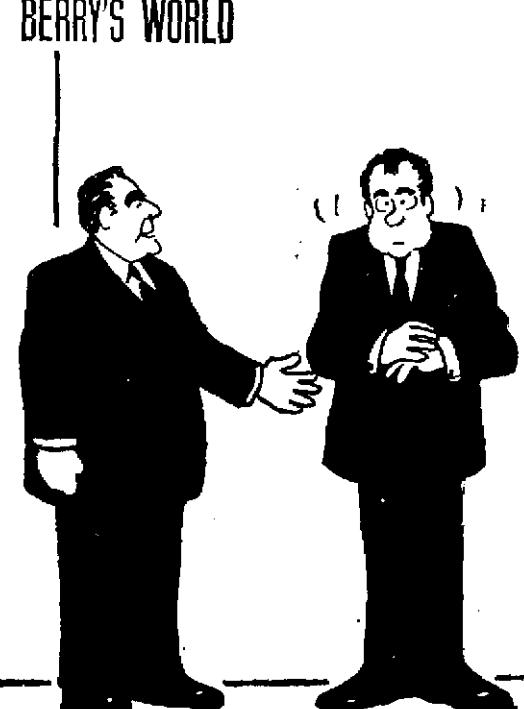
But he really got in trouble because he couldn't get along with H.R. (Bob) Haldeman and John Ehrlichman. Hickel resented the fact that he could not deal directly with the President but had to work through his staffers, and said so. Haldeman and Ehrlichman resented the fact that he resented it.

One anecdote in the book is typical of the way Haldeman functioned, and his cagey technique will be recognized by those who have followed the Watergate testimony closely. After the letter was published, Haldeman called Hickel to suggest that he not come to next Sunday's church service in the White House, to which all Cabinet officers had been invited.

"This can't be true," protested a startled Hickel. "Is this the President's wish?"

"The President was in the room when the decision was made," Haldeman replied.

BERRY'S WORLD



"It is good that some of our past differences are now, how do you say, all water over the gate . . ."

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Twin City
Highlights

The Roof Falls In On Benton Gambling Raid

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

What might have been a gambling raid in a Benton township pool hall Saturday night, turned out to be mass confusion when a ceiling fell through and a man, laughingly identified by a patron as "Santa Claus," crashed to the floor.

When the confusion subsided, one man was arrested on a weapons charge, 15 other persons were questioned and released, and an undetermined number of others, including "Santa Claus," fled from the building, both from the front and

rear. No one was charged with gambling.

The action occurred at Fair Avenue Recreation, 153 North Fair avenue, after township police received a report at 7:15 p.m. that there was gambling going on inside.

Capt. Paul Farris and Patrolmen Robert Nick and David Nelson, went inside to survey activities. They were inside only briefly, when things started to happen.

Capt. Farris later stated in his report:

"After having been in the building for about two minutes, we heard a cataclysmic sound coming from the ceiling, and saw

the ceiling falling in, and a man coming with the ceiling to the floor, as one of the patrons of the pool hall said, 'Santa Claus is coming.'

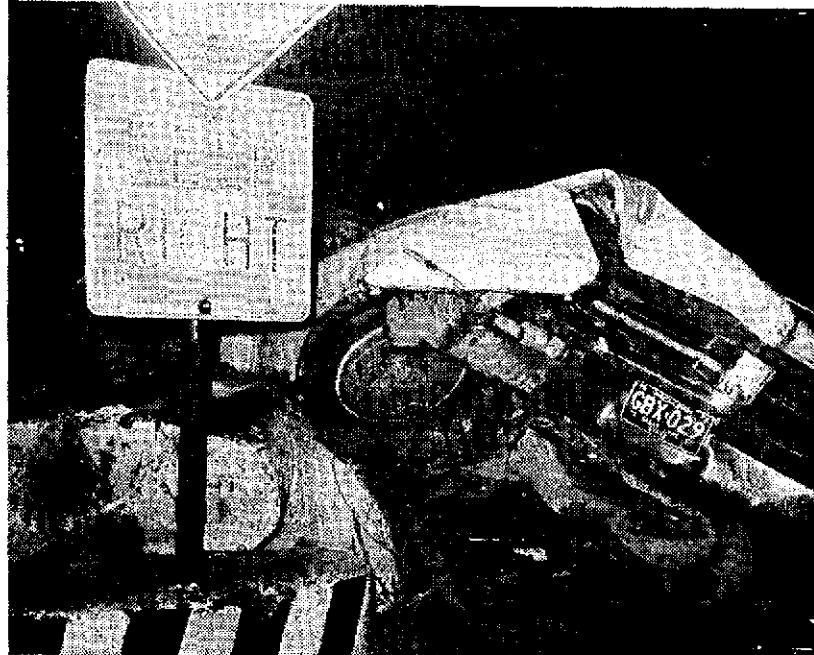
Farris stated that the man had crawled above a false ceiling in an apparent attempt to conceal himself from officers. Farris said another man broke out a front window, but cut his hand, only to pull it back inside and flee out the door. Others ran out a back door, Farris said.

Township officers summoned help from Berrien sheriff's deputies and Benton Harbor police. Those who remained in-

side identified themselves to police and were released.

Booked on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon was Guy DePriest, 52, of 873 Pipestone, identified as an employee of the pool hall, according to police. A loaded .25 caliber automatic pistol was confiscated.

Also reported confiscated were dice and a deck of cards. Police said these were taken from a table where several persons were seen huddling, just before the ceiling fell through. These persons all fled, police said.



DIRECT HIT: Auto tilts perilously on pedestrian traffic island, after crash on McCord street near Britain avenue, Benton Harbor, about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. Injured were the driver, William S. Teague, 41, of 1274 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, and a passenger, Maola Curtis, 31, also of 1274 Pearl. Mrs. Curtis, sustained a fractured jaw and was admitted to Mercy hospital for examination for possible internal injuries. Teague was treated at Mercy and released. No summonses were issued, pending further investigation, police said. (Staff photo)

Construction Starts On SJ Intersection

Construction has started on a \$88,829 project to build in safety improvements at the intersection of Cleveland avenue and Lake Shore drive in St. Joseph.

At the same time, the contractor, Yerington Contractors of Benton Harbor, will pour concrete for a turnaround that was previously dirt, and had been used by motorists for turning for years.

Cleveland will also be widened to 48 feet for a 500 foot stretch near the intersection. It was previously 21 feet wide.

The project is a joint venture using federal, state, and local funds.

The contractor will build a slight left turn in Cleveland so that it meets Lake Shore at a right angle junction. Motorists northbound on Cleveland will have a better view of traffic on Lake Shore when they stop at the intersection. It will create a safer angle for southbound Lake

Shore traffic to turn onto Cleveland.

There will also be a turn lane for Cleveland traffic wishing to turn left onto Lake Shore.

Access to businesses in the area will be maintained during construction, with Gersonde Bros. Bowling alley having road access via the north driveway of Roxy's drive-in restaurant.

Sanitary Cleaners will be served from Lake Shore.

City Engineer Robert Barnes

said a "local traffic only" sign

and barrier have been erected at the corner of Cleveland and Hilltop road. Left turns from southbound Lake Shore to Hilltop, previously prohibited, are now permitted during construction.

Completion date is set for Sept. 1, but Barnes said the contractor expects to finish before that.

Benton township police said Ruth Ellis Needham, 22, of 9994 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor, was injured, but not hospitalized, when her car and another collided on M-149 at Pipestone, about 2:15 a.m. Sunday.

Police said the other driver, Andrew J. Smith, 58, of 130 Seely, Benton Harbor, was uninjured. Mrs. Needham was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way, police stated.

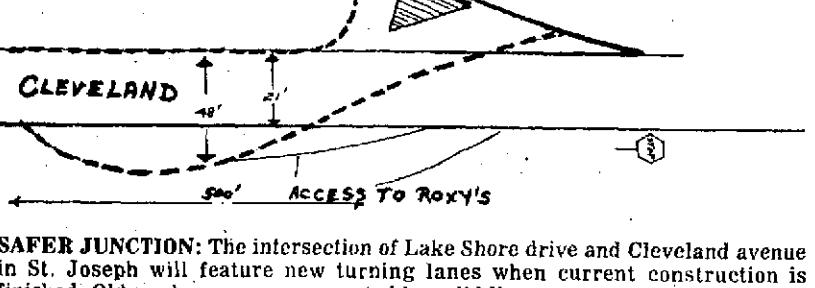
Sherry J. Hudson, 24, of Box 8, Berrien Springs, was listed in "good" condition in Mercy hospital following a collision Saturday at 5 p.m. in St. Joseph township.

She was a passenger in a car driven by her husband, Thomas, 26, who complained of injuries resulting from the wreck, at the intersection of Niles avenue and Hilltop road.

St. Joseph township police reported Mrs. Hudson sustained head pains and an injured right leg. Driver of the other car was Leonard L. Bishop, 62, of 1224 Hillcrest avenue, St. Joseph.

A driver and his three passengers were treated and released from Berrien General hospital after their car ran into a farm implement on Watson road, near Mary road, in Sodus township. The accident occurred Sunday at 10:30 p.m.

Berrien county sheriff's deputies identified the four as



SAFER JUNCTION: The intersection of Lake Shore drive and Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph will feature new turning lanes when current construction is finished. Old roadways are represented by solid lines, new ones by dotted lines.

Overnight Parking Ban Results In 200 Tickets

Benton Harbor police issued nearly 200 overnight parking tickets today, between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Meredith Ryneerson, acting chief of police, said that tickets will be issued from now on for persons leaving vehicles on city streets

overnight. During the past week, he said, almost 600 warning tickets were issued. The fine is \$1, Ryneerson said.

The overnight parking ban was reinstated by the city commission. It took effect June 2 and a two-week grace period followed.

Berrien county sheriff's deputies identified the four as

AMVETS Officer To Be In SJ

Veterans, their widows, or dependents with questions concerning veterans benefits can get answers Tuesday at the Michigan Employment Security Commission offices on Port street, St. Joseph.

Orland J. Brown, service officer for the Michigan department of AMVETS, will answer questions concerning compensation, pensions, or educational benefits from 1:40 p.m.

JUSTICE DIES
BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Chief Justice Alvin Strutz of the North Dakota Supreme Court, 70, died Saturday.

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1973

Motorcycle, Car Collide

Niles Man Dies In Crash

A Niles man died and a Benton Harbor woman was injured in a collision Sunday afternoon between a motorcycle and an auto in Bainbridge township, south of Watervliet.

The victim, who was operating the motorcycle, was iden-

tified as Billy Jack Huffman, 32, of 314 South 15th street, Niles.

Admitted to Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, was Miss Jean-

nette Waldo, 37, of 118 West Empire avenue, driver of the car. She was reported in "fair" condition today.

State police at the Benton Harbor post said the collision was reported at 2:45 p.m. and occurred at M-140 and Territorial road.

Troopers said Huffman was pronounced dead on arrival at Mercy hospital at 3:15 p.m.

The death brings to 17 the number of persons killed in Berrien county traffic accidents so far this year. It was the third traffic death in the county over

**17 Auto Deaths
In Berrien
County In
1973**

the past eight days, but the toll still is below a year ago at this date, when 26 traffic deaths had occurred at this time.

Troopers said the collision occurred while the motorcycle was traveling south on M-140, and the car was headed east on Territorial. The motorcycle struck the car on the driver's side door.

The state police post said no summonses have been issued yet, but the accident remains under investigation.

Billy Jack Huffman was born June 25, 1941, in Howell, Mich., and had been employed at National Standard company, Niles, as a maintenance man.

Surviving are his widow, the former Sharon Wetzel, whom he married on April 30, 1960, in Summerville; two daughters, Shelly Renne and Diana Linnea; a son Darren, all at home; his mother, Mrs. Vurble Mather of East Chicago, Ind.; and five brothers, Jimmy of Westville, Ind., Ezra of Vermantville, Elmer of Mesick, Leon of St. Charles and Floyd of Pine Ridge.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Pifer funeral home, Niles. Rev. George Matthews will officiate. Burial will be in Mission Hill Memorial Gardens.

Friends may call at the Pifer funeral home after 7 this evening.



MOTORCYCLE DRIVER KILLED: Operator of this motorcycle, Billy Jack Huffman, 32, Niles, died Sunday afternoon of injuries received in collision with car at M-140 and Territorial road, Bainbridge township. Driver of car, Jeannette Waldo, 37, Benton Harbor, was admitted to Mercy hospital and is reported in fair condition. (Staff photos)



POINT OF IMPACT: State troopers from Benton Harbor post said damaged car door was point of impact in fatal collision between motorcycle and auto in Bainbridge township Sunday.

Weekend Accidents Claim 17 In State

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Highway accidents, including one triple fatality and two mishaps in which a pair of persons died, claimed 17 lives in Michigan this weekend.

Edna Fitzek, 8, and Eva Wingo, 13, both of Cadillac, were killed Sunday night in Cadillac when they were struck by a car while riding bicycles.

Robert J. Cousineau, Jr., 20, of Hazel Park; Richard Blake, 21, of Toledo, Ohio; and Ted Geuthing, 26, of Key Biscayne, Fla., died in Oakland County's Bloomfield Township Sunday when their car ran off the road and hit two trees.

Evelyn Lints, 45, of Detroit, lost her life Friday when she was hit by a car in Hazel Park.

Ramsey Hill, no age available, of Detroit, died Friday when he was hit by a car in Detroit.

Richard Freiberg, 21, of Stanwood, and Audrey Hayes, 49, of Rockford, were killed Saturday when their cars collided in Meostca County's Aetna Township. Other victims:

John Trudell, 19, of Royal Oak, was killed Saturday in a two-car collision near Bay City.

David Jenich, 19, of Laurium, succumbed Saturday in Houghton County's Torch Lake Township when the car in which he was riding ran off the road.

Billy Huffman, 31, of Niles, died when his motorcycle was involved in a collision with a car near Marine City.

Pamela Sprow, 17, of Jonesville, a passenger in two car head-on collision in Hillsdale County, was killed Sunday.

Craig Mead, 24, of Linden, died Sunday when his car was involved in a two-car accident near that city.

Billy Huffman, 31, of Niles, died when his motorcycle was involved in a collision with a car near Marine City.

Arthur Goyings, 72, of Oxford, was killed Sunday when the car in which he was riding and another vehicle collided.

The count, taken by the Associated Press and the State Police, begins at 6 p.m. Friday and ends at midnight Sunday.



CAR DAMAGES BUILDING: An out-of-control car caused an estimated \$12,500 damage to showroom and two new cars at Decker Oldsmobile dealership in South Haven early Sunday. City police report that car driven by Richard Paulson, 21, route 3, South Haven, on right, went

out of control while northwest on Phillips street. Vehicle struck new car parked outside building and then careened into showroom damaging second new vehicle. Neither Paulson or passenger were injured. Driver was ticketed for reckless driving police said. (Tom Renner photo)

THREE OAKS PARADE: Crowd estimated by police at 7,000 filled Three Oaks Saturday afternoon for village's 20th annual Flag Day parade. Parade included over 80 entries, capped week-long festival

which included Michigan lottery drawing, square dance and fire department competitors. (Don Wehner photos)

Harvest Help Is Needed

With the peak of the 1973 strawberry harvest now in full swing in southwestern Michigan, harvest help is strongly needed, according to Mrs. Amelia D. Scherer, manager of the Michigan Employment Security Commission's rural manpower office at Scottsdale.

"We have openings for 500 drive-out workers to harvest strawberries in southwestern Michigan," Mrs. Scherer said.

Persons or family groups who would like to earn some extra cash, should contact the rural manpower office, 4140 Scottsdale road, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling 429-1551.

DOWAGIAC

Thief Rifles Bill Changer

DOWAGIAC — Theft of \$50 to \$100 from a dollar bill changer at the Division Street laundromat was reported to Dowagiac police yesterday afternoon.

Police said the machine had been broken into and the money taken sometime between 3 and 5 p.m. Customers in the laundromat when the theft was reported had not seen the thief, police said.



QUEENS ON PARADE: No parade would be complete without beauty queens, and Three Oaks' 20th annual Flag Day parade yesterday had its share. Included were Miss Indiana, Becky Graham, left, and Miss Great Lakes Vegetable Queen, Coleen Krieger, Watervliet. Parade stepped off at 3 p.m. Estimated 7,000 were on hand for the spectacle, according to police. (Don Wehner photos)

Flag Day Parade Attracts 7,000 People

THREE OAKS — A crowd estimated at 7,000 people filled Three Oaks Sunday afternoon for the village's 20th annual Flag Day parade.

Cloudy skies which threatened rain Sunday morning had cleared by 3 p.m., parade time, and the 80-unit parade stepped off in sunlight.

The Bridgman city float was judged the best community entry in the parade, while the Mr. Smorgasbord float was

awarded the prize for the best business entry. The Galien American Legion post entry was judged the best adult float.

Best individual performance was judged to be Mr. Colonel, entry of Drier's market, Three Oaks.

A Leslie Special owned by Leon Tattle was judged the best antique car entry.

In Saturday's waterball competition between area fire departments, first place was

taken by a team from Howard township; second by Bertrand township, and third by a second team from Howard township.

In the tug-of-war between village northsiders and southsiders Saturday afternoon, the north side won.

The parade was the climax to a week of festivities designed to mark Flag Day. Included in activities was a state lottery super drawing on Thursday, a dance and a dinner.

Police said the car's keys had been left in the ignition. The car was not damaged.

Successful Anti-Erosion

Practices Topic Of Meeting

Information on shoreline protection structures that have been effective will be presented at a conference to which area contractors are being invited next Friday night.

The session, scheduled at 7 p.m. at the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce meeting room, 777 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor, is being arranged by four agencies. They are the state department of natural resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and the Michigan State University Extension Service.

Four specialists from the Corps of Engineers will make

presentations. They include Ronald Buddeke and Norman Arne of the North Central division office in Chicago; Dennis Berg of the coastal Research center at Washington, D.C., and Dr. Ernest Brater of the Coastal laboratory at the University of Michigan. All contractors in Berrien, Van Buren and Allegan counties who currently are doing shore protection work or are anticipating becoming involved are invited to attend, according to Clare Musgrave, Berrien County Extension Service director.